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Title : Need to withdraw the order making it mandatory for Small Scale Industries producing bandage cloth at Chhatrapatti, Tamil Nadu to have their separate testing labs and other facilities for renewal of their licences.

SHRI RAVICHANDRAN SIPPIPARAI (SIVAKASI): There are nearly 80 Small Scale Industries producing bandage cloth at Chattrapatti near Rajapalyam in Tamil Nadu. More than 5000 people are getting employment. Seventy per cent of the Indian bandage cloth requirement is supplied by these units. Bandage cloth produce here is being tested in a common testing lab at nearby Rajapalayam. Recently a circular has been sent to all these small scale industries for their renewal of their licence while doing so they have been asked to own separate testing lab and other facilities which are to meet out the standards of Schedule M (Good Manufacturing Practices). Sir, these bandage clothes are only used to be tied over the medicine, no way it is used a s a medicine. Today more than 5000 people have closed their units and go for a demonstrating. If these conditions are to be implemented, it is feared there is a possibility of nearly 5000 employees losing their jobs and closure of all small bandage units.

I earnestly request the Health Minister through you to exempt the bandage cloth from the table of the Schedule M and save the industries.